

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Claims 1-30 are amended in this response, and such amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims. Consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

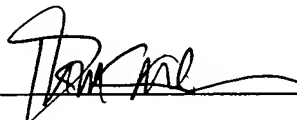
Enclosed herewith is a verified English translation of the application that was originally filed in the German language. Applicants hereby request that the English translation be used for examination purposes.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 50-1733, MAIKP130US.

Respectfully submitted,
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Date November 22, 2004


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